

Concise Explanatory Statement

Coastal Commercial Ocean Pink Shrimp Trawl Fishery

Rules amended as part of this rulemaking:

WAC 220-340-500 Commercial ocean pink shrimp trawl fishery—Coastal waters.

Rules repealed as part of this rulemaking:

None

New rules as part of this rulemaking:

None

1. Background/Summary of Project:

Based on the formal recommendations of the federal National Marine Fisheries Service Eulachon Recovery Plan in 2017, the department needs to amend its rules to reduce the bycatch of eulachon smelt which is listed under the Endangered Species Act as a threatened species.

2. Reasons for adopting these rules:

The department needs to amend WAC 220-340-500 to ensure that the rules for the commercial ocean pink shrimp trawl fishery are consistent with marine fish and shellfish resource conservation and fishery sustainability.

3. Differences between the proposed rule and the rule as adopted:

There were no differences between the proposed rules and the adopted rules.

4. Comments received during the official public comment period and as testimony received at the public hearing:

There were no public comments.